Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. No claims have been amended. Claim 27 has been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-6, 25, 26 and 28-32 are presented for examination.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 1-6, 25, 26 and 28-32.

Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicant submits that the above rejection has been obviated by the cancellation of claim 27.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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